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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN POLICY RE HORN OF AFRICA

REF: A. STATE 67974, B. CAIRO 7861, C. CAIRO 8320

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3. BROADER ISSUE OF WHERE WE GO FROM HERE RE DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN OF AFRICA IS UNDER HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL SEND YOU GUIDANCE ON RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW AS SOON AS DECISIONS REACHED. YOU SHOULD TELL KAMEL THAT PRESIDENT IS SENDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE AS HIS SPECIAL EMISSARY TO MOGADISCIO AS PART OF THIS REVIEW. WHEN RESULTS OF THAT MISSION ARE AVAILABLE, WE WILL, OF COURSE, BRIEF GOE IN DETAIL. VANCE

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